

## "Keeping Conestoga College connected"

# New registrar plans to bridge gaps

## Fred Harris wants closer ties with the academic sector

By Jeannette Cantin

Fred Harris is the newly appointed registrar of Conestoga College, a position he describes as challenging.

In a recent interview, Harris said Conestoga recognizes the need to strengthen connections between the academic sector and the registrar's office. He was chosen to bridge that gap, he said, because his experience has provided him with familiarity of the various issues facing the academic sector.

There is a need for a basic systems change to deal with the new realities emerging at the college, Harris said.

Harris will oversee the implementation of changes dealing with a number of smaller things as opposed to one big change.

For example, the registrar's office is looking at streamlining the registration system to make it less stressful for faculty, staff and students. To make appropriate interim changes, Harris said, it will be necessary to keep in mind emerging technology that will have significant long-term implications, such as telephone-voice registration.

Harris said the registrar's office will also be looking to improve its system of delivering information to faculty. Increasing the speed at which accurate student lists and profiles are available to staff and cutting the turnaround time between collecting marks and sending reports are just two of the goals in this area.

A long list of items need attention including the efficient delivery of customer service to external clientele as well as faculty, chairs and deans, Harris said. One obvious challenge facing Harris is implementing system changes in a potential climate of severe cost-

cutting.

The registrar must also work in consultation with the academic sector to ensure policies are developed and implemented in a consistent and equitable way, Harris said.

Harris has been a part of the academic administration of Conestoga since August 1991, when he became chair of applied arts. Prior to that, Harris was

dean of science and medical technology at Dawson College in Montreal.

Harris started his career at Dawson College in the registrar's office, so he is comfortable with the challenges of his new position at Conestoga.

Harris's former duties have been taken over by Joseph Martin, chair of academic support courses and law and security administration.



College registrar Fred Harris says he will be making some changes to improve the efficiency of the registrar's office. (Photo by Jeannette Cantin)

# College heads trying to create fiefdoms, says union leader

By Perry Hagerman

The president of the union local representing Conestoga College's faculty, librarians and counsellors says the Ontario college presidents, including Conestoga president John Tibbits, are trying to create their own "little fiefdoms."

John Berry, president of Local 237, was commenting in an interview on a letter which recently came into his possession. It was sent Oct. 6, to the Minister of Education John Snobelen on behalf of the Council of Presidents. The council is composed of the presidents of all of the provincial colleges.

In a memo sent to his membership on Oct. 30, Berry outlined some of the information contained in the letter. The letter included recommendations for increased powers by the individual colleges so they could better handle restructuring of the college system.

"They would prefer to have a system of colleges, not a college system," Berry said.

He said the letter contained recommendations by the council which would give the individual colleges power to bargain

with their unions by restructuring the collective bargaining process. According to Berry's memo, the letter stated "They (the presidents) said they intend to do their fair share to restructure college finances but needed government assistance to eliminate barriers and inhibitors."

The letter also contained a recommendation to increase tuition fees and to down-size the Council of Regents — the body which acts as an intermediary between the provincial government and the colleges and as the bargaining team for the province.

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Referring to the seemingly co-operative nature of the college presidents to the upcoming cuts in their budget, Berry's memo states, "There was no mention of the potential harm to the education being delivered."

Berry said one of his concerns in this instance is not so much the reality of the

cutbacks but the apparent lack of will by the Council of Presidents to stand up to the government's proposed reductions in college funding.

The province is expected to announce the funding changes in its coming Nov. 23 'mini budget,' said Berry. There are rumors of a 20-25 percent reduction in funding to the college system. Berry said the best information the union has is that the actual cuts will more likely be around 30 per cent.

In his memo to faculty, Berry voiced his suspicions about the information and the lack of concrete figures concerning the funding cuts. He referred to Snobelen's quote in the Sept. 13 issue of The Record. The quote read, "Creating a useful crisis is part of what this will be all about, so the first bunch of communication the public might hear might be more negative than I would be inclined to talk about (otherwise)." Berry said in the memo, "It is no coincidence we will be going into contract negotiations next spring and a scenario of doom and gloom will be cultivated during the pre-bargaining period by management. Is this part of the pre-bargaining rhetoric?"

## This week in the news

### A touch of class

This year's diabetes campaign is a top-hat affair. The Limo Scene has donated a limousine to be auctioned by secret ballot. The winner receives the use of the limousine for the day. Ballots can be cast from Nov. 20 to 24, in the DSA office.

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### Gate closed on shortcut

Students from Rodeway Suites who used to cut across the playing fields to get to school, will now have to take the long way around. The gate in the fence that runs along Homer Watson Boulevard is now closed.

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### Conestoga consultant goes to Barbados

Carolyn Dudgeon, a curriculum consultant for the college, went to Barbados on Oct. 28 to meet with various agencies involved with the program. The project is co-ordinated by the Canadian Technical and Vocational Group and is intended to market Ontario colleges on an international level.

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### Quilting for AIDS awareness

The DSA will display part of The NAMES Project AIDS memorial quilt in the Sanctuary on Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The quilt is a commemoration of the lives of friends and loved ones who have died from AIDS-related illnesses.

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### Kids treated in Sanctuary

Conestoga students brought their children to the Sanctuary Oct. 31 for a Halloween fright night. DSA members transformed the lounge into a spooky games room for the children. The children went through the various events in the lounge and were given treats at each stage.

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### Journalism banquet a success

Approximately 120 faculty, students, family and friends gathered at Golf's Steakhouse in Kitchener to enjoy a dinner and awards banquet. Arnold Edinborough, former editor and owner of Saturday Night magazine was the guest speaker.

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### Curse of the Starving Class doesn't satisfy

The Curse of the Starving Class has all the components of a great movie. However, director McClary fails to piece the components together and ends up with a movie best left on the video-store shelf.

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### Devil of a role for Denzel Washington

Denzel Washington does a wonderful job of playing Ezekiel Rawlings in a mediocre movie called Devil in a Blue Dress. The movie is suspenseful but has an unrealistic plot, bad supporting actors and actresses and little action.

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# CAMPUS NEWS

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## News Briefs

### NAMES project AIDS quilt

- The Doon Student Association is seeking volunteers to assist with the NAMES project AIDS memory quilt display on Nov. 16. Interested students may contact Gavin or April in the DSA office or phone 748-5131.

### Sexual assault workshop

- The Family Crisis Shelter of Cambridge and North Dumfries and Kitchener-Waterloo Sexual Assault Support Centre offer a sexual assault workshop for women who have been sexually-assaulted. The workshop is to be held Nov. 23 at the Family Crisis Shelter in Cambridge from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is limited space available. Call to register. For more information contact Laurie-Ann at 571-0121 or Marylu at 653-2289.

### VIP/CIP day

- Volunteers are needed for VIP/CIP day to assist at various information stations on Nov. 15. Interested students may contact Susana Pellizzari at 748-5220 ext. 736 or at her office across from the LRC in room 2B10-5 on Doon campus.

### Silent auction

- Bids for the silent auction for this year's diabetes campaign will be accepted in the DSA office from Nov. 20 - 24.

### Resource group meeting

- The Women's Resource group will be holding a meeting on Nov. 15 from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. in room 1B50-3 on Doon campus.

### G.L.A.D. meeting

- There will be a meeting of Gay and Lesbians at Doon (GLAD) in the Student Services office Nov. 13 at 4:30 p.m. For more information contact Joan at Student Services.

### CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 6 issue of Spoke Janeen Hoover's name and Shelley Bloom's name were spelled incorrectly.

The photographs for the columns on page 4 were incorrectly placed. Leanne Moses wrote the *Just a Thought* column and Steve Tuckwood wrote the *Conestoga Corner* column.

Also, in the same issue the photograph at the top of page 10 was taken by Sean Webb.

Spoke regrets the errors.

## Getting personal



Danielle Ramnarine displays an eclectic collection of personalized goods for sale from the Toronto company, Artwear Nov. 2 in the Doon cafeteria. (Photo by Lise Eleanor)

## It's official

# Student short-cut closed for good

By Amy Wroblewski

Students who used to cross Homer Watson Boulevard by cutting across a field will have to use the sidewalk and go around.

The field is located about 0.5 kilometres from the traffic lights at the corner of Homer Watson and New Dundee Road. A gate in the fence along Homer Watson which had been open during the summer has been permanently closed.

The opening was used for the access of construction vehicles while the new business wing was being built.

According to Barry Milner, the director of physical resources, the

only reason the gate was still open in September was that construction was still going on.

"The fact there aren't any side-walks in that area is a concern," he said. "There's heavy traffic on that road (Homer Watson) and we don't want any accidents."

The gate is now locked and signs are posted informing students not to use it.

Milner encourages students to use the proper sidewalk and cross at the traffic lights. He said using the side-walks is safer because the route is well lit all the way to the college. He added that using the short-cut through the field is dangerous because the terrain is rough and there

are bushes where potential attackers can hide.

"This is a form of risk management. We're taking control," he said.

Despite the signs and the lock, Milner said he has had reports of students climbing the fence instead of using the proper route.

Milner admits unless security is posted in the area, they wouldn't be able to identify who is climbing the fence.

Milner said physical resources has no intention of establishing a route.

"A sidewalk there would be very costly," he said. "We already have a safe route."

## Limo for a day

# Silent auction for diabetes a classy affair

By Heather Milburn Graham

The DSA has added a touch of class to this year's diabetes campaign by auctioning off the use of a limousine for a day.

The 27-foot, white limousine with chauffeur will be donated for the event by The Limo Scene.

It holds up to 10 people and will take the winner anywhere within a half-hour driving radius.

Nada Swan, DSA director of student life, said the auction will be a silent one.

A silent auction means participants put their name and bid on a piece of paper and drop it off to the DSA office. Each bid costs \$1 and this money constitutes their donation to the diabetes association.

She said participants must make their bids in the DSA office anytime during the week of Nov. 20 to 24.

Bidding will stop at 12 noon on Nov. 24 and the person with the highest bid wins, she said.

"Anyone wishing to make a bid will be required to pay \$1 on top of the bid itself," said Swan. "If the winning bid is \$100, you are expected to pay \$101."

All proceeds, she said, will go to the local Canadian Diabetes Association office in Waterloo.

According to a fact sheet on diabetes, the condition results when the body cannot properly regulate the level of glucose in it.

This occurs because the pancreas isn't producing enough, if any, insulin.

When glucose in the body is not regulated by insulin, blood sugar levels rise and cannot be absorbed by cells to be used as energy.

The condition affects about one million Canadians. The cause of the condition is still unknown, but evidence shows a high occurrence of it in individuals through heredity, obesity, pregnancy, physical or emotional stress and aging.

Symptoms include: excessive thirst, frequent urination, fatigue, weakness, weight loss or gain, frequent infections, slow healing, numbness, pain or tingling in the hands or feet and changes in vision.

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## CAMPUS NEWS

# DSA takes part in international AIDS awareness

By Heather M. Graham

A portion of an international monument to people who have died from AIDS will be displayed at Conestoga College.

DSA entertainment assistant Gavin Fitzpatrick said twelve, 12 x 12-foot (3.6 x 3.6-metre) panels, of the NAMES Project AIDS memorial quilt will be hung in the Sanctuary on Thursday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Part of our mandate is to bring things in that people haven't experienced before," said Fitzpatrick.

The idea for the quilt was conceived by gay rights activist Cleve Jones.

He noticed during a candlelight march in 1985 that the placards with the names of AIDS victims, which were taped to the walls of the San Francisco Federal Building, looked like a quilt.

In 1986 he designed the first panel in memory of his friend Marvin Feldman, to whom the

quilt is dedicated.

In June 1987, Jones and a group of people in San Francisco formally organized The NAMES Project Foundation.

The purpose of the foundation was to create a memorial for friends and loved ones they had lost to AIDS.

Thousands of people have responded to the foundation's efforts by adding to the now 28,972 panel quilt.

Each panel of the quilt is 3 x 6 feet (.9 x 1.2 metres), the same size as a grave plot, and commemorates the life of someone who has died from AIDS-related illnesses.

"Each one of those panels visually represents a person. It captures their personality," said Fitzpatrick. "It is a powerful display."

He said he first saw the quilt in Ottawa while he was attending a Canadian Organization of Campus Activities (COCA) convention last May.

He said he and Steve Geerts, DSA

director of entertainment, decided they should discuss bringing the quilt to the college.

Eight other schools will also display the quilt including Western, McMaster, Fanshawe, Niagara, Sheridan, Guelph and York, Fitzpatrick said.

"We have hired a van to transport the quilt, ensuring its proper care and making sure the protocols are followed," he said.

He said Conestoga's display will be done in conjunction with the AIDS committee of Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo and area (ACCKWA).

The NAMES Project T-shirts will be on sale at the display for \$15 each, with proceeds shared between them and ACCKWA.

Fitzpatrick said the DSA has invited local high schools, as well as Wilfrid Laurier University, University of Waterloo and the general public to see the quilt.

He said the reason it's an all-day event is so people who work all day

will have a chance to see it.

"We have contacted all local media in preparation for the display," he said. "We're relying on them and word of mouth to get the message out."

Fitzpatrick said volunteers are

needed on Nov. 16 for security and to help sell T-shirts.

Anyone wishing to help can contact Fitzpatrick or April-Dawn Blackwell, the DSA vice-president of student affairs, in the DSA office or phone 748-5131.

## Ride program



Rebecca Smith pushes Lisa Wynja through Doon's corridors in a wheelchair. The two first-year nursing students were practising ambulation techniques. (Photo by Leanne Moses)

## Conestoga staff on fact-finding trip to Barbados

By José Compta

Two representatives from Conestoga college and from a management consulting group went to Barbados on a fact-finding trip for the Canadian Technical and Vocational Group (CTVG) on October 28.

Carolyn Dudgeon, a curriculum consultant in the college planning and international office at Conestoga, and Carolyn MacKenzie from the Hickling Corporation went to the Caribbean island to obtain additional information for the submission of the final proposal of the CTVG.

They were to return to Canada on November 3.

Larry Rechsteiner, director of international studies at Conestoga, said the objective of CTVG is to join forces of several colleges in Ontario and to market their expertise in the international market.

Some of these projects are financed by international funding

agencies such as The Royal Bank, Agent Development Bank, and Canadian International Development Agency.

Rechsteiner said one of the projects in which Conestoga indicated an interest was the one in Barbados.

In summer 1995 CTVG was advised that Conestoga was selected to submit final detail proposals.

He said the college also received the terms of reference for the project.

It included a series of consultations when the experts go there, a number of student tours where the Barbadians would come to Canada and also some programs and courses the Barbadians would take abroad.

"The objective of Dudgeon's trip to Barbados is to visit various agencies, which will be involved with this project and clarify their expectations and those of the students," said Rechsteiner.

"The information obtained will assist in preparing the final pro-

posal which is due on Dec. 1."

He said the three major components of the project are: general education which relates to primary and secondary school activities, technical education which relates to activities in colleges in Barbados and labor which relates to studies information associated to the need for training in Barbados.

The total value of the present project may amount to \$ 2.9 million U.S.

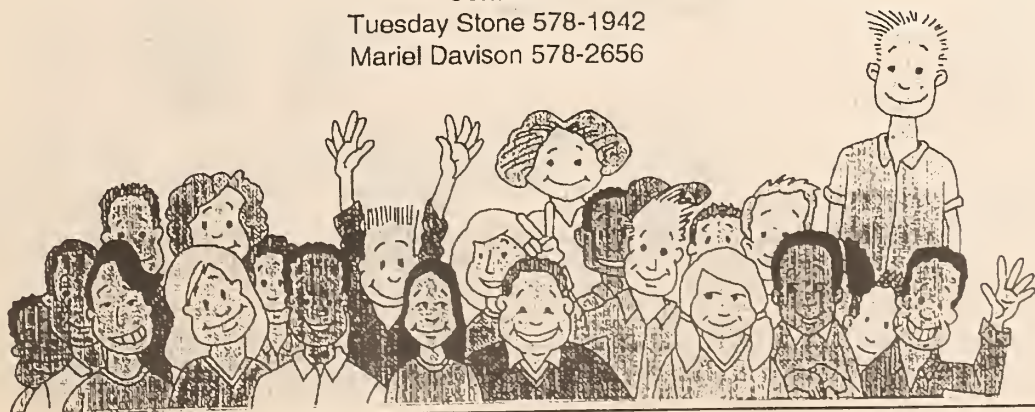
Rechsteiner said Conestoga has been involved with CTVG group since its establishment three years ago. The college has also worked on a timer construction technology project in Chile, and in another on business and institutional development in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

Conestoga is a member of the CTVG along with Humber, Algonquin and George Brown colleges and the Hickling Corporation, a management consulting group in Ottawa.

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## Conestoga corner



By Kean Doherty

### Three classmates: a trilogy of sadness

The other day, as is my habit, I was flipping through an edition of the K-W Record when I came across a story that caused me to do a double take.

Splashed in living color on the front of the local section, was an old classmate of mine from grade school days. He was being led from a building by the police, his clothes torn, his face bloody.

The story said he was charged with aggravated assault in connection with the stabbing of a young woman.

What's troubling about it is I've read other articles detailing the misdeeds and pitfalls of those who I finished grade school with.

Three years ago I saw a death notice for one of my closest friends, Jim.

I found later Jim had committed suicide.

Two years later, another article in the Record reported the beating death of a man by his best friend after a weekend booze binge. The perpetrator, Ron, had been in my Grade 8 graduation class. He was subsequently charged with manslaughter and is currently serving his sentence at Millhaven institution.

All of this tragedy leads me to one conclusion: upbringing and circumstance have a lot to do with destiny.

I grew up in the same neighborhood as this trio, I went to the same school and I played the same sports. I was no richer or poorer than they were either.

But when I contemplate the situations of one dead friend and two convicted felons, I am fortunate I turned out the way I did.

My parents imbued a sense of responsibility within me and my two siblings, always giving us the benefit of the doubt and expecting respect in return.

Somewhat, I think my friends did not experience this familial give and take.

Jim, my closest friend, was starved for attention and acceptance, and dabbled in drugs and Christianity to combat depression. Around the end of high school Jim's parents divorced, furthering his personal crisis.

Serious bouts of depression followed until the day that Jim put a gun to his head and ended his turmoil.

I never considered Darryl and Ron "friends" but they were hardly enemies.

Ron was a latchkey kid who was doing things in Grade 8 that took me five years to get around to. He smoked up, he had sex with girls and lived on his own.

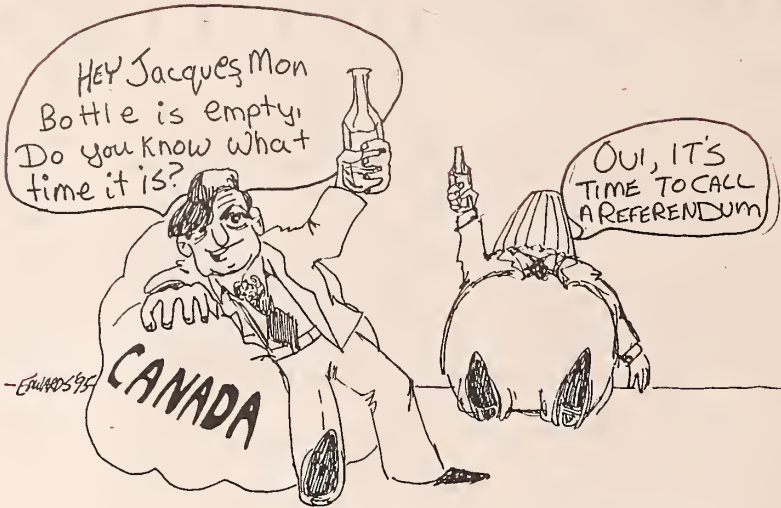
The heavy drinking that lead him to kill his best friend was no doubt due to a life spent on his own and no one to tell him he was doing wrong.

Which brings me to Darryl and his story. Darryl was a bully in grade school, a kid who never failed to run afoul of the rules.

Sometime after being nabbed in a botched robbery attempt, his sister was tragically killed in a head-on collision that involved drinking and drugs on the part of the driver. This tragedy probably loosed the demons that haunt Darryl to this day. The story about his arrest came as no surprise.

When I look back, then, I feel no pity for these young men, dead and alive, just an odd detachment from their situations.

They are where they are because of what happened to them on the way to adulthood.



## Just a thought



By Sean Webb

### Remembering lice from bygone days

When people reminisce about their grade school days, they are not likely to have fond memories of the routine inspections by the local public health department nurse.

With factory efficiency, the nurse would probe the heads of children for the dreaded villain known as lice.

When the villain was spotted, its host would be whisked away to a special room for a supportive talk. The children were told that it wasn't their fault and there was no reason to be ashamed, but they weren't welcome back in school until the infestation had been eliminated.

Parents weren't to blame because the school administration knew how hard it was to raise children. It was always another less hygienic and poorer child's fault for the unfortunate situation.

After a few days of special brushes and medicated shampoos the children could return to classes and kickball. Unless their peers became aware of the reason for their absence, in which case the children were afforded all the compassion children have for each other.

The reaction a child with head lice would get was greater than if they had chicken pox, measles or even a broken arm. With other childhood health problems there was sympathy for the victim, whereas a victim of head lice was treated as a dangerous offender.

Once the dirty secret was exposed people wanted to protect themselves from these offenders and block them from being part of the community. This was true whether the community was a neighborhood, school

playground or even a classroom.

For a child identified as having had head lice, finding a partner for a school project or being chosen for a sports team would be more difficult.

Although the facts are lice are highly contagious and prefer clean hair over dirty hair, there has been a long-standing myth that they hibernate on and are the fault of filthy, poor people.

Once a child was labelled as a carrier, his or her name was placed at the top of the list for future lice inspections. Often they were told that this wasn't true, but it was difficult for a child to believe them when they organized the inspections by alphabetical order and someone whose name started with W was inspected first.

The itching and uncontrollable scratching that a child must go through when suffering from head lice is an almost unbearable ordeal. It is an ordeal most adults would have difficulty tolerating. Yet adults have and continue to treat children with head lice as the problem, instead of the lice which plague the child.

Attitudes towards this recurring problem have not improved over the last 10 years, causing some children to suffer more than they have to.

Despite the fact that almost all living things are subject to parasites, head lice is still a dirty subject. After all, humans are the rulers of the earth and the supreme beings. We are more evolved than gorillas in the mountains that eat bugs right off of their children's backs.

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# TAKING SIDES

## Should Quebec hold another referendum?

### Referendum would end age-old debate

By Lise Eleanor



Jacques Parizeau is gone as premier of Quebec and rumor has it that Lucien Bouchard is to take his place. Another rumor is that a referendum addressing separation is scheduled for Spring 1996.

Should there be a referendum? A first reaction might be no because Canadians are exasperated by Quebec's complaint.

However, this might be just the reason to say yes.

Since 1867, the year of Confederation and the introduction of the Constitution Act (originally the British North America Act), Quebec has been dissatisfied with Canada's Constitution.

Quebec began publicly demanding an amendment in 1927 to support the unique society clause.

In 1980, a referendum addressing the issue of sovereignty-association was called by René Lévesque, and Quebecers voted to remain part of Canada.

Two years later, Trudeau proposed an amended constitution. A staunch federalist, he hoped the changes would satisfy his fellow Quebecers. This would keep Canada whole and finally end the constitutional debate. Quebec, under Lévesque, refused to sign.

Then came the Meech Lake Accord in 1987, a rectification attempt that lasted three years and tried the patience of all the premiers and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. The amendment, drafted solely for Quebec, was rejected by the legislatures of Ontario and Manitoba.

In 1992, another attempt to resolve Quebec's constitutional concerns for a distinct society was made by Mulroney. A proposal known as the Charlottetown agreement was drafted and defeated in a national referendum in October 1992.

Two weeks ago, on Oct. 30, a no vote by a one-point margin (about 50,000 people from five million) sent alarms across Canada. A smidgen over 49 per cent of Quebec voters sent their message loud and clear: they too feel the constitutional wrangling has gone on long enough. They want out.

For more than 65 years, Canadian taxpayers have footed the bill for this constitutional debate. Not only costly and time consuming, it has also created a rift between Quebec and the rest of the Canadian provinces.

With such a close margin finishing this recent referendum, Quebec separatists are certain the next one will favor independence. If so, the time saved having resolved the constitutional issue could be better spent on other problems.

Yes, there should be another referendum and with it a majority yes vote. This is one sure way to finally put the constitutional debate where it belongs — in a television commercial depicting Canada's heritage.

## campus comments

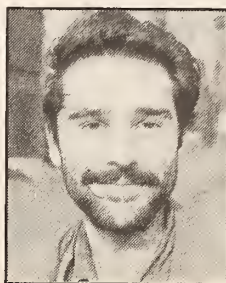


*"No. Investors will think we are unstable and taxes will go up."*

Hana Chaloupecka  
first-year general business

*"No. Give it a few years - have a provincial election and decide then by democratic vote."*

Mike Kuiack  
electronics engineering

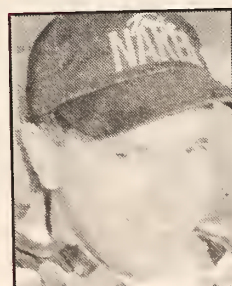


*"Yes. Like a teenager, Quebec has to realize its mistakes the hard way."*

Janice Spencer  
first-year journalism

*"No, They have made a decision by democracy and they should live with it - for at least a decade."*

Arek Kulczynski  
computer programming

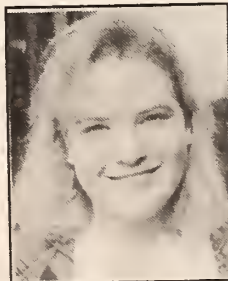


*"I don't care. Let them do what they want."*

Darren Sheppard  
first-year marketing

*"No. We'll lose lots of business and it costs a lot of money."*

Tammy Arnold  
first-year general business



### Another referendum a waste of time



By Amy Wroblewski

Recently, Canada survived one of the most uncertain and nerve-racking periods in its history — the Quebec referendum.

The separatists were defeated and the breakup of Canada was averted by the narrowest of margins.

A mere one per cent margin separated the Yes and No sides. In 1980, the vote was more decisive, with the No side garnering a whopping 60 per cent of the vote.

Since the separatist defeat, Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau has resigned and it has been speculated that the Bloc Québécois leader, Lucien Bouchard, will pick up where Parizeau left off.

This turn of events provides the opportunity for another Quebec referendum in 1996, when a new mandate takes effect.

This turn of events prompts the question, should Quebec hold another referendum?

To hold another referendum would be a waste of time, money and effort.

The people of Quebec voted against sovereignty, and thus chose to remain a part of Canada.

It is time to get off the merry-go-round.

Now that a decision has been made, the focus should be on working to make Canada a strong, unified country.

Ottawa must not be held hostage by a government whose mandate for sovereignty was no mandate at all. The socio-economic needs of the country require attention now — another unity debate will only slow this process.

The issue of a separate Quebec is over, so live with the decision that has been made.

To keep debating the issue only lowers the morale of Canada.

The referendum has left feelings of uncertainty and bitterness towards this country. It's time to feel good about Canada again.

Canada is admired by the entire global community through our readiness and willingness to aid other countries in our humanitarian efforts.

Canada is a mosaic of people. We set an example to other countries of how many different races and cultures can successfully co-exist.

Do we want to put our high standing and reputation at risk?

Another referendum would discourage international business interest in Canada.

For example, the threat of Quebec separating caused the value of the Canadian dollar to drop considerably.

This is only one of the repercussions that could worsen if the unity debate were to resurface.

It is time to let the issue of Quebec sovereignty rest and move on towards building a strong, unified Canada.

# YES

Do you have any topical questions you want straight-forward answers to? Send them to the editor or staff in Room 4B15, or call SPOKE at 748-5366.

# NO



# Students big winners at annual journalism banquet

*By Samantha Craggs*

Approximately 120 people gathered at Golf's Steakhouse Thursday, Nov. 3 for the annual journalism banquet to enjoy dinner, dancing and an awards ceremony.

Arnold Edinborough, former editor and owner of Saturday Night magazine, was the guest speaker. Edinborough offered advice to the students on how to be successful in the world of journalism, saying in his speech that a lot has changed since he started working in the field.

"There was no TV," said Edinborough, "and there were still steam trains. My grandchildren can't believe I'm old enough to remember steam trains."

Edinborough said there is a laziness in the presentation of TV news reporting, and many journalists aren't asking real questions and people aren't getting real facts.

Edinborough said to be a successful journalist you must have lucidity, irreverence, wit and the energy of Robertson Davies and Pierre Berton.

"A journalist must have the hide of a rhinoceros and the memory of an elephant," Edinborough said.

The night's biggest award was the Southern Ontario Newspaper Guild Memorial Award worth \$500. The award is in memory of Gerald Huntley for the best scholastic record. It was presented by Eugene McCarthy, a K-W Record reporter, to Patricia Bow, who graduated last semester.

Bow also won the faculty award worth \$100 and the Ross Weichel Award. The faculty award is awarded to the best writer in semesters one, two or three and was judged by the journalism faculty and presented by Dean Robinson.

The Ross Weichel Award, in memory of the former editorial page editor of the K-W Record, is for the best editorial or opinion piece. It was judged by John Roe, an editorial writer for the Record, and presented by Yvonne Weichel. Bow won the Ross Weichel Award for her opinion piece "Enjoy your smoke but don't share it". Honorable mentions in this category went to Steve Tuckwood for "The era of college varsity sports is over", and former Spoke editor Kim Breese for "Rules are for Canadians too".

The Edward J. Hayes award for best feature story was worth \$100 and presented by Hayes, a former executive editor of the Record. First place went to Heather Milburn Graham and second place went to former Spoke editor Anna C. Done.

The \$50 Allied Media Services Award for best comprehensive journalism project went to former Spoke editor James K. Leduc and Dan Wettlaufer.

The Fairway Group Photo Awards, worth \$75 each, went to Spoke editor Leanne Moses for best news photo and Milburn Graham for best feature photo. Kerry Masche won the \$75 Carman's photo source award for best sports photo.

Former Spoke editor David Carlton won the \$100 Stratford Beacon-Herald award for best arts/entertainment story for his review of the Robert Steadman art exhibit Ink and Drink.

Jennie Richardson won the \$100 Guelph Mercury Award for best

news story and Linda Orsola Nagy, also a former editor of Spoke, won honorable mention. Richardson's piece was about Milburn Graham finding a cockroach in her soup in Conestoga's cafeteria.

The Andrew Dugan Memorial Award for dedication and excellence went to Blake Patterson. The award, worth \$150, was judged by the journalism faculty and presented by Clyde Warrington, city editor of the Cambridge Reporter.

The Hattie Musclow Memorial Award, worth \$150, was won by Amy Wroblewski.

Leanne Moses also won the Kitchener-Waterloo Record Award, worth \$250, for journalist of the year.


Anna C. Done and Moses headed the planning committee, along with faculty members Roger Young and Jim Hagarty (also the master of ceremonies) and Samantha Craggs.

MATURE STUDENTS CLUB

Meets every Friday at  
Casey's Roadhouse  
Fairview Park Mall  
3:30 pm to 5 pm

&

the first Thursday of  
month in the  
Quiet Lounge  
(Sanctuary)

 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Drop in at the DSA office for more info.

## DSA treats kids to Halloween fun

*By Scott Donnelly*

There were skeletons, cobwebs, witches and ghouls at the first annual fright night, held in the Sanctuary, Oct. 31.

The DSA decorated the lounge and invited any students to bring their young children trick-or-treating. The lights were dimmed, Halloween music and sounds filled the air and all the DSA members were in costumes.

Nada Swan, the DSA's director of student life, said the event was a fun, safe place for kids to go trick-or-treating. She said fright night was planned differently from the Christmas event.

"This is self-directive," said Swan. "The kids can go through each stage at their own pace and get their treats." DSA vice-president April-Dawn Blackwell greeted the children at the door and handed out

trick-or-treat bags. After that they could win a treat by playing pin the nose on the witch.

Each child was taken into Frankenstein's tomb. If then they were brave enough to put their hands in the bowls containing Frankenstein's brains, eyeballs, teeth, etc., then they were given another treat.

"What color is my blue shirt?", was one of the questions kids had to answer at the kiss of death table to win a treat.

The children could also stop to hear a ghost story told by DSA member Beth Patterson, who was dressed as a devil. There was a craft table where the kids could get a treat by making Halloween centrepieces out of tissue paper and pipe cleaners.

Finally, DSA president Dawn Mittelholz was dressed as Madame Zenus, a fortune teller.

As a dry-ice machine churned out an eerie mist, Madame Zenus told the children what the future had in store for them and then gave them each a treat.

Debbie McKean, a civil engineering student, brought her husband and two children to the event. McKean's husband, Mike, said he was impressed with the idea and the set-up of fright night.

Ben Noseworthy, a management studies student, was also impressed with the event.

"It's a good idea because we're having fun and so are the kids," said Noseworthy. "Also I like the way they decorated the lounge."

Vice-president Blackwell said the turn-out was slow at the start but that it picked up after supper.

"There were enough trick-or-treaters to make it worth while and everyone had a good time," she said.

Diabetes Fundraiser  
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VS.  
**New England Patriots**  
Sunday, Nov. 26  
1:00 pm game time  
bus departs at 9:00 am

TICKETS \$45.00 from door #4 at Conestoga College  
includes transportation Main Campus

Cash Only

Purchase tickets at the  
DSA Office (748-5131)







# ENTERTAINMENT

## Curse of the Starving Class will leave you unsatisfied

By Jeannette Cantin

When J. Michael McClary's *Curse of the Starving Class* begins, it displays signs of being a video well-worth the rental fee and the time invested. Odd-ball characters, well-known actors and a quirky script promise a movie that is both original and interesting.

Unfortunately when all is said and done, it leaves you starving for entertainment.

Based on an Obie-winning play by Sam Shepard, it becomes painfully obvious about 15 minutes into the movie that this play does not successfully make the transition to the big screen. It is an experience similar to anticipating a sneeze that never comes.

The movie focuses on a family living on a run-down Nevada farm, contrasting its hopes and dreams with a pitiful reality.

Weston Tate, distractingly overacted by James Woods, is a loud-mouthed, debt-ridden alcoholic whom the children alternately despise and worship. He regularly goes on drinking binges, disappearing for weeks at a time, before making brief, dirty appearances at home to pass out for a few days. He con-

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**Curse of the Starving Class**  
Director: J. Michael McClary

tributes nothing to the family's well-being.

Kathy Bates does her usual frumpy, frustrated housewife routine as Ella Tate, Weston's long-suffering wife. She is as ill-equipped to be a parent as her husband is.

The children are Wesley and Emma, played by Henry Thomas and Kristin Fiorella.

The family is depicted as dysfunctional within the first few moments. A drunken Weston comes home to a locked house and breaks the door down before driving off.

Emma enters the world of womanhood and her mother tells her she can't go swimming because it could kill her. The cold water, she said, will suck the blood out of Emma's body. When Emma complains her mother asks, "You don't want to live in ignorance, do you?"

Son Wesley tries to keep the farm running by haphazardly doing chores. He is a troubled man-child incapable of the tasks he has set for

himself.

Both Ella and Weston plan to sell the farm and not tell the other. The mother plans to use the money to live in Paris because of its culture — high art and fancy food. Father plans on moving to Mexico to escape loan sharks.

Randy Quaid is Taylor, a slimy real-estate agent and lawyer. He has an affair with the lonely Ella to ensure he gets control of her property which he plans to sell to developers.

Louis Gossett Jr. plays the owner of Tate's favorite watering hole, the *Alibi*. He buys the deed for the farm for \$15,000 cash from a drunken Tate.

In the end, we learn the only people capable of change are the kids and they end up changing for the worse. They cannot escape the curse of the starving class.

The one bright note in this long, dismal picture is Fiorella. She has a certain quality which, if we're lucky, will rise above this film to ensure we see her again.

## Denzel Washington's latest movie suspenseful but unbelievable

By Scott Donnelly

Sex, murder, blackmail and political scandal usually make for an entertaining movie. Somehow, though, these elements are wasted in the mediocre *Devil in a Blue Dress*.

Denzel Washington plays Ezekial (E.Z.) Rawlings, a gullible, out-of-work man struggling to survive in 1940s Los Angeles.

Washington falls into a web of death and deceit when, on the advice of a friend, he takes a private detective job.

The story takes place during a mayoral election and the job involves finding one candidate's fiancée (who happens to wear a blue dress). Washington gets deeper and deeper into the scandal as people around him begin dying off.

Finally, Washington finds that he cannot trust anyone as he tries to solve the mystery, stay out of jail and stay alive.

The cars, clothes and scenery make the setting of the movie believable. You can sense that Washington really is in L.A. in the 1940s.

Washington helps the movie with

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**Devil in a Blue Dress**  
Star: Denzel Washington

an accurate portrayal of E.Z. His character changes throughout the movie as it should with everything that happens to him. He turns from a gullible, broke, peaceful, unemployed man into a forceful, wealthy, violent, unemployed man.

At the end of the movie he reverts to his old self although he hints of pursuing a career as a private eye.

Washington has to be good because the supporting actors and actresses are less than spectacular. One exception is E.Z.'s teenage friend who shows up, out of nowhere, in the middle of the movie and brings with him excitement and a bit of comedy.

The story begins slowly, introducing Washington's character with little action or excitement. As the story progresses, we see more action although it involves nothing more than gunplay. There are few special effects in the movie which surprisingly works in this case.

The best thing about the movie is the suspense. The story has many twists and turns that keep the viewer guessing and the answers are unbelievable.

These twists are where some problems lie. Some of the twists are so farfetched that the movie turns into a fairy tale. It's as if the writer had to tie up loose ends so he conveniently introduced characters, but did not explain how or why they were involved.

This is more apparent in the ending. Washington comes away from the whole thing with money.

The final minute consists of that loud, whiny music with Washington summing-up the whole episode in his mind. The candidate gets back in the race but the blackmail issue is never really resolved.

And the woman in the blue dress — well, you can find that out for yourself, if you decide to see the movie.

**Children's Christmas Party**

Sun. Dec. 3  
2 - 4 pm  
The Sanctuary

Sign up now DSA Office!

## NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt

ON DISPLAY

Thurs. Nov. 16

10 am - 7 pm



Opening Ceremony

10:05 am

The Sanctuary

(Sorry, Lounge CLOSED for all other activities.)

For more info. see Gavin or April at the DSA Office.

**Lunch Hour Euchre**

Tue. Nov. 21  
11:30 am  
The Sanctuary

Sign up at the DSA Office

Entry Fee: Donation to Student Food Bank



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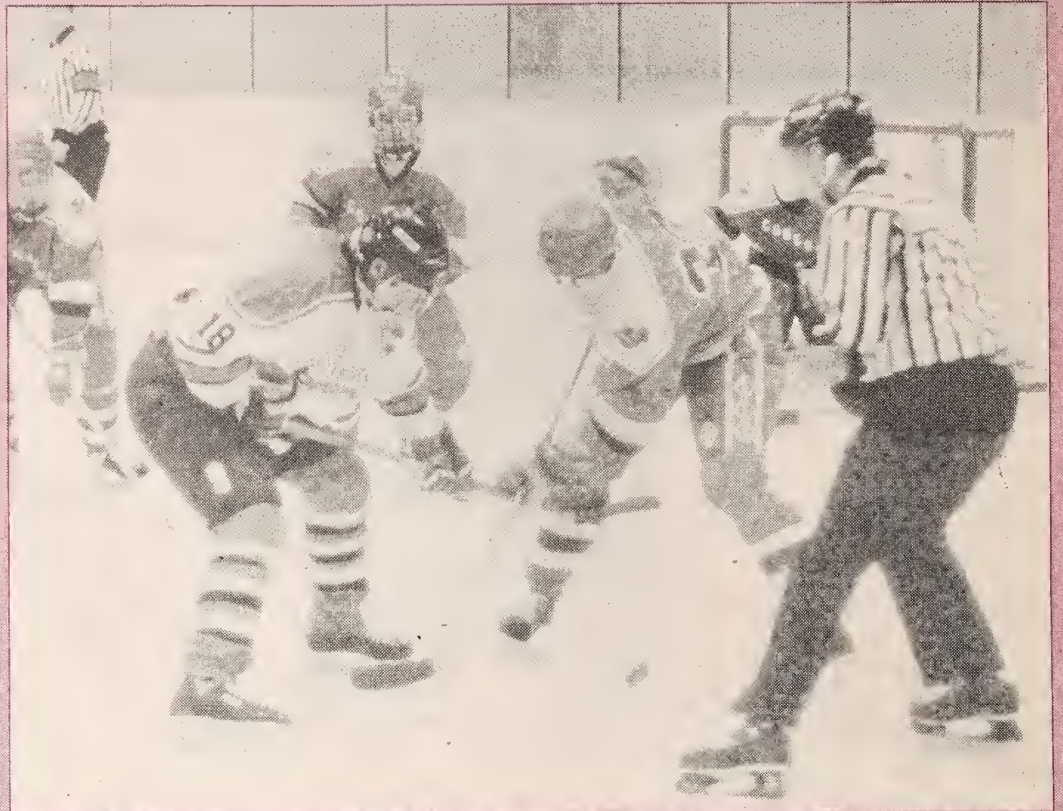
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## Hockey night in Conestoga



Seneca Braves centreman Tom Jack (18) battles Condor Joel Washkurak off the draw in the Condor's season opener Wednesday Nov. 8. The very physical game saw the Braves take advantage of power-plays and manage a 7-7 tie with the Condors. (Photo by Steve Tuckwood)

## G.L.A.D.

Gays and Lesbians at Doon  
**MEETING!!!**

Date: November 13, 1995.

Time: 4:30

Place: Student Services

\*For more info contact

Joan in Student Services.

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## Varsity Scoreboard

CONDORS

### Men's Hockey:

Standings:	W	L	T	GF	GA	P
Team						
Seneca	2	0	1	21	19	5
Cambrian	1	1	0	15	14	2
Conestoga	0	0	1	7	7	1
Fleming (L)	0	1	0	5	6	0
Sault	0	1	0	6	8	0
Fleming(P)	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Results:

Oct. 20 Cambrian 8 Sault 6  
Oct. 27 Cambrian 7 Seneca 8  
Nov. 2 Fleming (L) 5 Seneca 6  
Nov. 8 Seneca 7 Conestoga 7

### Individual Standings:

Team:	GP	G	A	P	PIM
Troy Caley/CAM	2	6	4	10	2
B.McAskill/CAM	2	2	5	7	6
J. Coleman/SEN	2	3	3	6	0
S. St. Croix/SEN	2	2	3	5	0
Fred Pagani/SEN	2	2	3	5	4
J. Sunstrom/SFL	1	1	2	3	0

### Upcoming games:

Friday Nov. 10 Conestoga at Sault, 1 p.m.  
Friday Nov. 17 Cambrian at Conestoga, 7 p.m.  
Sunday Nov. 26 Conestoga at Fleming(P), 7 p.m.  
Saturday Dec. 2 Conestoga at Cambrian, 8 p.m.  
Thursday Dec. 7 Conestoga at Seneca, 8 p.m.

**NOONER!**  
Tue. Nov. 14  
The Sanctuary

Guest  
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## Meeting: Women's Resource Group

Wednesday, Nov. 15 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

We will discuss: plans to mark the upcoming  
anniversary of the Dec. 6th massacre of the

University of Montreal Women Students

and

Other ideas for future events and happenings.

**All are welcome**